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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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14 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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24 Hour Fitness USA, Inc.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Apex Stores, LLC; Apex, LLC; Apex at  
Home, LLC,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:08-cv-01681-SBA

**ORDER  
GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO  
DISMISS BASED ON THE LACK OF  
PERSONAL AND SUBJECT MATTER  
JURISDICTION**

[Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(2)]

HEARING: SEPTEMBER 9, 2008, 1:00 PM

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1 The Court, having read and considered the Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness’  
2 First Amended Complaint filed by Defendants Apex Stores, LLC, Apex, LLC, and Apex At  
3 Home, LLC, including all papers and arguments submitted in connection therewith, hereby  
4 **ORDERS** as follows:

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7 1. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** Defendants’ Apex Stores, LLC's, Apex,  
8 LLC's, and Apex At Home, LLC's Motion to Dismiss 24 Hour Fitness’ First Amended Complaint  
9 based on lack of subject matter jurisdiction is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness has failed to  
10 meet its burden of proving that an actual “case or controversy” existed at the time it filed its  
11 Original Complaint in this action. *See e.g. Neilmed Products, Inc. v. Med-Systems, Inc.*, 472  
12 F.Supp.2d 1178, 1179-1180 (N.D. Cal. 2007) (citing *American States Ins. Co. v. Kearns*, 15 F.3d  
13 142, 143 (9th Cir. 1994)); *Bridgelux, Inc. v. Cree, Inc.*, 2007 WL 2022024, at \*5 (N.D. Cal. July  
14 9, 2007) (citing *Teva Pharms. USA, Inc. v. Novartis Pharms. Corp.*, 482 F.3d 1330, 1338 (2007)  
15 which in turn quotes *MedImmune, Inc. v. Genentech, Inc.*, 127 S.Ct. 764, 771 (2007)); *Hideki*  
16 *Electronics, Inc. v. LaCrosse Technology, Ltd.*, 2006 WL 1643534, at \*3 (D. Or. Jun. 5, 2006)  
17 (quoting *GAF Bldg. Materials Corp. v. Elk Corp. of Dallas*, 90 F.3d 479, 483 (Fed. Cir. 1996));  
18 *Shoom, Inc. v. Electronic Imaging Systems of America, Inc.*, 2006 WL 1529983, at \*6 (N.D. Cal.  
19 Jun. 1, 2006). Therefore, the Court must, and hereby does, dismiss Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness’  
20 First Amended Complaint as against all Defendants Apex Stores, LLC, Apex, LLC, and Apex At  
21 Home, LLC pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1).

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23 2. **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED THAT** Defendant Apex Stores, LLC's  
24 Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness’ First Amended Complaint based on lack of subject  
25 matter jurisdiction is further **GRANTED** on separate and additional grounds independent of those  
26 set forth above in Paragraph 1 of this Order. Defendant Apex Stores, LLC no longer owns the  
27 marks at issue in the declaratory judgment action that is 24 Hour Fitness’ First Amended  
28 Complaint, and therefore, Defendant Apex Stores, LLC does not have a legally cognizable

1 interest in the outcome of this action that could give rise to a live controversy against it. *See e.g.*  
2 *Allard v. DeLorean*, 884 F.2d 464, 466 (9th Cir. 1989); *Gladwell Governmental Services, Inc. v.*  
3 *County of Marin*, 2005 WL 2656964, at \*1, 3 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 17, 2005). Therefore, the Court  
4 must, and hereby does, further and additionally dismiss Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness' First Amended  
5 Complaint as against Defendant Apex Stores, LLC pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1).

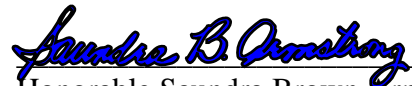
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7 3. **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED THAT** Defendants' Apex Stores,  
8 LLC's, Apex, LLC's, and Apex At Home, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness'  
9 First Amended Complaint is further **GRANTED**, because even if an actual case or controversy  
10 could be said to have existed when Plaintiff filed its Original Complaint, which it did not, in the  
11 interests of equity the Court should, and hereby does, dismiss the declaratory judgment action that  
12 is Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness' First Amended Complaint in its entirety as against all Defendants  
13 Apex Stores, LLC, Apex, LLC, and Apex At Home, LLC, because Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness filed  
14 this anticipatory suit in bad faith for the sole purpose of forum shopping. *See e.g.*  
15 *Freecyclesunnyvale v. Freecycle Network, Inc.*, No. C 06-00324 CW, 2006 WL 870688, at \*5  
16 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 4, 2006) (citing *Principal Life Insurance Co. v. Robinson*, 394 F.3d 665, 669 (9th  
17 Cir. 2005); *Government Employees Ins. Co. v. Dizol*, 133 F.3d 1220, 1225 (9th Cir. 1998);  
18 *Continental Cas. Co. v. Robsac Industries*, 947 F.2d 1367, 1371-73 (9th Cir. 1991)). Therefore,  
19 the Court hereby further and additionally dismisses Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness' First Amended  
20 Complaint as against all Defendants Apex Stores, LLC, Apex, LLC, and Apex At Home, LLC,  
21 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1).

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23 4. **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED THAT** Defendants' Apex Stores,  
24 LLC's and Apex, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness' First Amended Complaint  
25 is further **GRANTED** based on the further and additional grounds of a lack of personal  
26 jurisdiction over them. This ground for dismissal is independent of the grounds for dismissal set  
27 forth above in Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this Order. Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness has failed to meet its  
28 burden of demonstrating that Defendants Apex Stores, LLC and Apex, LLC have the minimum

1 contacts necessary for the Court to exercise personal jurisdiction over them. *See e.g.*  
2 *International Shoe Co. v. Washington*, 326 U.S. 310, 316 (1945); *Schwarzenegger v. Fred Martin*  
3 *Motor Co.*, 374 F.3d 797, 800 (9th Cir. 2004); *Cabbage v. Merchant*, 744 F.2d 665, 668 (9th Cir.  
4 1984) (citing *Rush v. Savchuk*, 444 U.S. 320, 332 (1980)). Moreover, the exercise of personal  
5 jurisdiction over Defendants Apex Stores, LLC and Apex, LLC would not be reasonable in this  
6 case. *See e.g. Burger King Corp. v. Rudzewicz*, 471 U.S. 462, 471-73 (1985); *Haisten v. Grass*  
7 *Valley Medical Fund, Ltd.*, 784 F.2d 1392, 1397 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986); *Hilsenrath v. Equity Trust*  
8 *(Jersey) Ltd.*, 2008 WL 728902 at \*3 (N.D. Cal., Mar. 17, 2008). Therefore, the Court must, and  
9 hereby does, further and additionally dismiss Plaintiff 24 Hour Fitness' First Amended Complaint  
10 as against Defendants Apex Stores, LLC and Apex, LLC pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(2).  
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12 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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14 Dated: 9/4/08

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16 Honorable Sandra Brown Armstrong  
17 United States District Judge  
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